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SUBJECT: LIMITATION OF SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE APPLE EXPORTS
TO THE EC

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, DURING THE FIRST DAY OF THE

MARCH 21-22 MEETING OF THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (AGRICULTURE), COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS ANNOUNCED TO THE COUNCIL THAT FIVE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE APPLE EXPORTING COUNTRIES -- AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA AND CHILE -- HAVE AGREED TO LIMIT THEIR APPLE EXPORT TO THE COMMUNITY DURING THE MONTHS APRIL-JUNE 1974 TO 85 PERCENT OF THEIR AVERAGE APPLE EXPORTS TO THE EC DURING THE SAME MONTHS IN THE THREE PRECEDING YEARS. LARDINOIS REPORTEDLY HOPES THAT THIS "VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT" ON THE PART OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES WILL DEFUSE DOMESTIC PRESSURES TO INSTITUTE SAFEGUARD MEASURES AGAINST APPLE IMPORTS. NO MEMBER STATE HAS AS YET FORMALLY REQUESTED SAFEGUARD MEASURES. HOWEVER, LARDINOIS WAS CONCERNED THAT A REQUEST WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN VIEW OF LOW DOMESTIC APPLE PRICES AND RELATIVELY LARGE STOCKS.

2. COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED LARDINOIS' ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE COUNCIL. THEY STATE THAT THE COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED LETTERS FROM EACH OF THE FIVE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY AGREE TO A LIMITATION OF THEIR EXPORTS.

3. OFFICIALS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION ADVISE US THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS INDEED "VOLUNTARILY" AGREED TO A LIMITATION OF EXPORTS. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS IN THE MISSIONS OF TWO OF THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED (AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND) DENY ANY TYPE OF COMMITMENT ON THEIR PART TO RESTRAIN EXPORTS.

4. THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT THEY HAVE MERELY INFORMED THE COMMISSION OF THE QUANTITIES OF APPLES WHICH THEIR APPLE MARKETING BOARDS EXPECT TO SHIP TO THE EC. THESE QUANTITIES ARE BELOW THE AVERAGE OF THE PAST THREE YEARS. HOWEVER, NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO THE COMMISSION THAT, IN THEIR OPINION, THE COMMISSION HAS NO LEGAL RIGHT TO REQUEST A CUTBACK IN THEIR APPLE EXPORTS AND THAT THEY WILL NOT IN ANY WAY RESTRICT THEIR EXPORTS.

5. THE QUANTITIES OF APPLES REPORTELY SCHEDULED TO BE SHIPPED TO THE EC FROM THE FIVE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DURING APRIL-JUNE 1974 ARE AS FOLLOWS, IN METRIC TONS:
SOUTH AFRICA 101,500; ARGENTINA 58,000; AUSTRALIA
41,000; NEW ZEALAND 34,900; AND CHILE 8,300. GREENWALD

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